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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

		Application No.	Applicant(s)	
		10/785,322	TYLER ET AL.	
	Office Action Summary	Examiner	Art Unit	
		Konata M. George	1616	
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Status				
1)⊠	Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 Ja	nuary 2005.		
2a)⊠	This action is FINAL . 2b)☐ This	action is non-final.		
3)□	3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.			
Disposition of Claims				
 4) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration. 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected. 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. 				
Application Papers				
 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner. 10) The drawing(s) filed on 24 February 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152. 				
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119				
 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. 				
Attachmen	t(s)			
2) Notic 3) Inform	e of References Cited (PTO-892) e of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) mation Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) r No(s)/Mail Date	4) Interview Summary (Paper No(s)/Mail Da 5) Notice of Informal Pa 6) Other:		

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-3 are pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

 The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on September 1, 2004 was noted and the submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97.
 Accordingly, the examiner has considered the information disclosure statement.

Action Summary

- 2. Examiner acknowledges the cancellation of claim 4. Therefore, any and all rejections and/or objections directed towards it are hereby withdrawn.
- 3. The rejection of claims 1 and 2 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting is hereby withdrawn as applicant has amended the claims to overcome the rejection.
- 4. The rejection of claim 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mandeville, III et al. is being maintained for the reasons stated in the previous office action.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed January 24, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

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Applicant argue that the prior art reference of Mandeville, III et al. does not teach a compressed tablet that comprises a pharmaceutical ingredient and a polyallylamine. Examiner disagrees. Column 3, lines 19-25 teach an embodiment of the invention which comprises oral administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a fat-binding polymer in combination with a therapeutically effective amount of a lipase inhibitor. As recited in the previous office action column 4, lines 25-27 teach the polymer can include polyallylamine. It is the position of the examiner that the lipase inhibitor can act as the pharmaceutical ingredient. Therefore, Mandeville, III et al. discloses the claimed invention.

Conclusion

6. Claims 1-3 remain rejected.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Telephone Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Konata M. George, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0613. The examiner can normally be reached from 8AM to 6:30PM Monday to Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Kunz, can be reached at (571) 272-0887. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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